

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION  
Olympia, Washington**

**To:** Air Ambulance Providers  
Ground Ambulance Providers  
Managed Care Plans  
Regional Administrators  
CSO Administrators

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**Subject: Vendor Rate Increase for Ambulance Services**

**Effective with dates of service on or after July 1, 2001**, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will implement an average two and one-tenth percent (2.1%) vendor rate increase for fee-for-service programs, as authorized by the 2001-2003 Biennium Appropriations Act.

Based on input from the Washington Ambulance Association (WAA), MAA will implement the following rate changes for ambulance services:

- The amount of the vendor rate increase allocated for ground ambulance services will be applied entirely to the base rates (first client only); and
- The amount of the vendor rate increase allocated for air ambulance services will be applied entirely to the liftoff fees.

These actions result in an effective rate increase of 3.1% for ground ambulance base rates, 6.7% for the fixed wing air ambulance liftoff fee, and 6.0% for the rotary liftoff fee. Rates for all other ground and air ambulance procedure codes remain unchanged.

Please use modifiers for all ground ambulance procedure codes billed to MAA, except for procedure codes 0013A and 0014A.

Bill MAA your usual and customary charge. Reimbursement will be the lower of the billed charge or the maximum allowable fee.

Attached are replacement pages D.5/D.6 and E.3/E.4 for your Ground and Air Ambulance Medical Transportation Billing Instructions, dated July 2000. To obtain this fee schedule electronically, go to MAA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov>.